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On the cover: Bret and Connor Hammond wait for a session in the Autism Research Center. Photo by Jay Grabiec '08



# PINUPS in PINAFORES

By Vicki Shaw Woodard '81



The trio had not performed together in 70 years.



"They asked us to sing and I said, 'Egads! we'll all sound like the old ladies we are!'" said Pollyanna (Petersen) Rapp '44. "But we sang a song – a hymn – and it sounded okay, I guess."

Family members and passersby alike encouraged Rapp, of Palestine, along with Thelma (Whiteleather) Briggs '45 of Lincoln and Elizabeth "Libby" (Craig) Wells Heidecker '45 of Marshall, to perform once again as a group when they reunited recently for the first time in seven decades. The ladies – now all in their early 90s – used to perform when they were students at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College.

The three lost touch after graduating, but were reunited after Rapp's daughter's college roommate mentioned that her former music teacher (Heidecker) was celebrating her 90th birthday. Perhaps, maybe, Rapp knew her?

"I thought for quite a while, and thought, well heavens, yes!" Rapp said.

As students in the early 1940s, the trio – all music majors – sang and performed with a number of school-sponsored choruses and

bands. Deciding to form their own group, the three began singing at both on- and off-campus events and calling themselves the "Pinups in Pinafores."

"Remember, this was wartime and cloth was scarce," Rapp said. "We really couldn't afford costumes, so we just decided to wear white pinafores."

Performances ranged from formal concerts to after-dinner entertainment. Their song selections depended on the type of event, of course, but included such songs as "When My Dreamboat Comes Home," "Blue Hawaii" and the Mills Brothers' "Paper Doll," Rapp said.

Frequently, the trio, along with other Eastern musicians, would perform at high schools in the area in the hopes of recruiting new students into the program and the school. And occasionally, a bus would transport some of the performers to Rantoul, then-home of Chanute Air Force Base. The "Pinups in Pinafores" went when they could.

"We'd sing for the servicemen there, and dance with them," Heidecker said. "We really enjoyed that!"

Life on a college campus could be lonely for a young woman in the early 1940s. School records indicate that while there were more than 1,100 students enrolled on campus in the fall of 1940, that number had dropped to 282 by Fall 1943.

"Most all of the men disappeared in 1942," Rapp said. "All of them, except those classified as 4-F and unable to serve, were sent off to the war."

Since classroom enrollments were so small, it was a wonderful time to get to know the faculty.

"We became well-acquainted with the professors," Rapp said, recalling that wasn't always necessarily a good thing. "My speech class had around six students enrolled, whereas it usually had much more. Because there were so few of us, we all had to give a lot more speeches than we would have under normal circumstances."

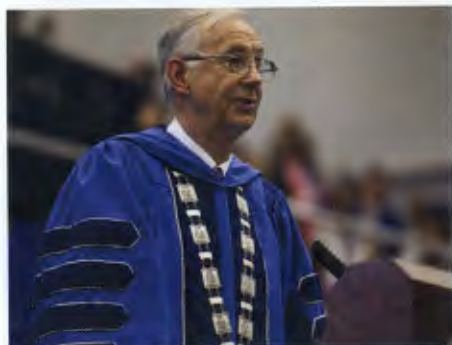
Upon graduating, the three women went their separate ways – each marrying, each raising a family and each teaching music to Illinois youth. Briggs (who was also Eastern's 1944 Homecoming queen) married George Briggs '44, '54, a fellow Eastern music student who often played piano accompaniment for the "Pinups in Pinafores" during their performances.

"It was nice to get together after so many years," Mrs. Briggs said. "We've changed though. Once, we all had dark hair; now it's all white. And each of us used to be quite slim. Everybody's gained a little weight."





## **EIU President Bill Perry to Complete Presidential Service in 2015**



Eastern Illinois University President Bill Perry has announced that he will complete his service as president in 2015, consistent with the ending date of his contract.

Perry noted in an email to the campus that in his remaining tenure he will continue to work with the campus to "forge opportunities

and meet our challenges, always with an eye to providing the very best higher education experience for our students."

Perry began serving as EIU president in 2007, moving to Eastern from Texas A&M University where he had served since 1971 in professorial and administrative roles.

"We do appreciate the notice Dr. Perry has given," said Joe Dively, chairman of EIU's Board of Trustees, "so that we have the time to find the right individual as EIU's eleventh president."

Dively noted that Perry has put a comprehensive enrollment management plan into place which has reversed enrollment declines and started a slow but steady growth in the number of new students at EIU.

"And his leadership was critical in helping us meet and exceed our goal in our recent capital fundraising campaign," he said. "What's more, under his administration,

we've had four straight years of record-setting giving to the university."

Dively noted that the timing of Perry's retirement will allow the university to complete a comprehensive program review begun earlier this year. The review is designed to examine every aspect and program of the university and adjust the budget and programs to ensure a sustainable future for Eastern Illinois University.

"Dr. Perry has created an atmosphere of excellence and helped lead the university to become more student-focused than ever," Dively said. "He has been a hard-working leader and his shoes will be hard to fill."

The next step for the board of trustees will be the appointment of a search committee and the start of a national search for Perry's successor. That search will likely start over the summer.

## **Jonathan McKenzie Named New Executive Officer of EIU Foundation**



Jonathan McKenzie '99, '01 has been named the new executive officer of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.

"We welcome Jonathan to his new leadership role," said Christine Robertson, president of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "In addition to his prior experience working with various boards, Jonathan brings 10 continuous years of professional experience at EIU, serving in the offices of Alumni Services, the Alumni Fund, University Advancement and Academic Affairs.

"Through these experiences, he has developed an appreciation and understanding

of the unique history, cultural traditions, and donor, alumni and community relationships that are the building blocks of the strong partnership between the university and the Foundation."

McKenzie formerly served as assistant to the dean of Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. Previously, as an assistant director with Alumni Services, he coordinated the Annual Fund (from 2004-2010) while holding a part-time position as a philanthropy officer for the School of Continuing Education during two of those years.

Prior to beginning his career at EIU, he was responsible for developing cultural and artistic programming for the Lake Land College Foundation as a special events coordinator. He has a history of working with community development agencies and non-profit organizations such as the Cumberland County Development Corp., where he was director in 2004.

McKenzie, who lives in Mattoon, said he was pleased to join and be a part of "such an exceptional organization" as the EIU Foundation.

"The EIU Foundation has been actively supporting the mission of Eastern Illinois University for more than 60 years. Our donors,

members, directors, volunteers and staff are to be commended for their dedication."

Robert Martin, EIU's vice president for university advancement, said he was happy to see McKenzie re-join the university advancement team.

"I am pleased that Jonathan chose to accept the position of executive officer for the EIU Foundation," he added. "I'm sure his experience and enthusiasm will serve him well."

"Eastern Illinois University has played an important role in my life," McKenzie said. "And I am not alone. There are many others whose lives have been enriched by their association with EIU.

"I encourage all of them to be a part of Eastern's future," he said. "Their support will make a significant difference."

McKenzie also issued an open invitation. "I welcome anyone to stop by the EIU Foundation for a visit at any time." The Foundation's offices are located in the Neal Welcome Center, 860 West Lincoln Ave., Charleston.



## EIU Spring Enrollment Confirms Recruitment Efforts Are On Course

Spring enrollment numbers at Eastern confirm that the institution remains on course in its effort to stabilize and increase the number of students who attend here.

A modest increase in the number of freshmen, coupled with significant increases in the number of international and Hispanic students in attendance at Eastern, reflect evidence that recruitment efforts are working.

The number of international students attending EIU increased to 223, up from 137 a year ago.

Kevin Vicker, director of Eastern's Office of International Students and Scholars, explained:

"Our computer technology graduate degree, as well as other notable growing degree programs such as sustainable energy, economics, business administration, geographic information systems and

kinesiology and sports studies, continues to attract international students.

"Our reputation in India, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Nepal has grown quickly as many more students from these countries and others are choosing EIU due to our personal approach, scholarship options or attractive programs," he added. "We regularly receive students from our partner universities in South Korea -- partnerships we established in the past few years."

Minorities represent nearly 24 percent of Eastern's enrollment. The numbers, broken down by category (with Spring 2013 figures in parentheses), are as follows: American Indian/Alaskan Native, 18 (26); Asian, 85 (83); Black, 1,413 (1,424); Hispanic, 402 (364); and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 4 (8).

Overall, spring numbers at Eastern are comparable to figures reported in the fall, with overall enrollment dropping from 9,775 to 8,833 -- a loss of 942. School officials anticipated a spring decrease since 834 seniors and graduate

students graduated in December.

A breakdown of Eastern's total Spring 2014 student enrollment is as follows: freshmen, 1,308 (1,287); sophomores, 1,351 (1,488); juniors, 1,949 (2,083); seniors, 2,858 (3,203); and graduate students 1,318 (1,361).

The numbers reflect a healthy and consistent 90 percent fall-to-spring retention rate for freshmen who enrolled for the first time in Fall 2013 -- 1,254, enrolled in Fall 2013; 1,127, still enrolled in the spring.

University officials are also encouraged by the number of out-of-state residents choosing to attend EIU. In Fall 2011, the university established a program in which individuals from states bordering Illinois -- Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin -- would pay the same tuition rate as someone from Illinois.

The number of participants taking advantage of the program seems to be growing overall: Indiana, 78 (49); Iowa, 10 (12); Kentucky, 2 (6); Missouri, 36 (26); and Wisconsin, 38 (23).

## EIU Commits to College Affordability with "Zero Percent" Rate Increases

Citing continued commitment to college affordability and accessibility to higher education, Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees voted not to raise room and board rates -- or tuition rates -- for the 2014-2015 school year.

Noting that Eastern has consistently been the best value among Illinois public universities, Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said he was "very pleased and very proud" that the university was able to offer a "0 percent" increase in rates.

According to Nadler, this will be the first time since the 1992-93 school year that tuition rates have remained constant. And it's the first time on record (nearly 40 years) that a year has gone by without increases in room and board rates, he said.

Voicing his pleasure over the board's decision, EIU President William Perry added that the university "was still mindful of providing a quality education."

Housing costs for students living in EIU's residence halls and Greek Court will continue to range from \$4,150 per semester for the 7 Meal Plan Option to \$4,679 for the 15 Meal Plan Option. Students living in one of the 148 units at University Apartments (designed primarily to meet the needs of student families and single graduate students) will see monthly rents ranging from \$448 to \$503, depending on the type of apartment being rented (one-bedroom, efficiency or super efficiency). All utilities are included in the rent price.

Residents of University Court, a 146-unit university-owned apartment complex for sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students, will continue to see rates ranging from \$2,412 to \$3,225 per semester, depending on the type of apartment being rented.

EIU's resident tuition rate will remain at \$283 per semester credit hour for students entering the university during the 2014-2015 school year. This means that those with an average 15-course academic load will pay \$4,245 per semester.



Know someone interested in applying?

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# KEITH KOHANZO: YOU ARE EIU



In at least one sense, the decline of the railroad industry worked in Eastern Illinois University's favor.

"When I began attending Eastern as a student, I never imagined I would stay here as a career," said Keith Kohanzo '69, '71. His dream, he recalled, was to earn his degree, then spend his life editing railroad newsletters and magazines.

That dream derailed, however, once he wrote to 15 different railroads with an inquiry. "They all advised me not to go through with it," he said.

Instead, in an unexpected career move, Kohanzo – a marketing major with a journalism minor – "hitched" himself to Lou Hencken, whom he met while both lived in Taylor Hall. "Lou, who was the graduate assistant there, initially hired me as head desk clerk," Kohanzo recalled.

Hencken, who has served Eastern in a variety of administrative positions over the years (ultimately being named president of the university in 2001), began his own career by advancing through the housing ranks. Recognizing talent and dedication in his employees, he extended job advancement opportunities to Kohanzo along the way.

By the time he received his master's degree in counseling (M.S. Ed.), Kohanzo was serving as a resident assistant under Hencken's direction.

Kohanzo remembers graduating, then spending one week "in the outside world" before Hencken called him up with an offer. Would he consider the position of director of Stevenson Hall? The answer was a resounding yes, Kohanzo said, remembering how he once again immersed himself into student life at Eastern Illinois University.

As part of his duties, Kohanzo assumed the lion's share of responsibility for Eastern's new Student Code of Conduct. His work in "completely rewriting" the code was rewarded when the university named him administrator, then Eastern's first director of Judicial Affairs, a post he held for 27 years before retiring in 2006.

"And I lived to tell the tale," he said, grinning. "It was never dull, I can tell you that. And the great majority of students I had chance to meet really were fine, young people who just made some bad decisions."

As an EIU student, Kohanzo joined Alpha Phi Omega, a now-coed service fraternity whose local chapter was founded on campus in 1946. The national organization was founded by former Boy Scouts and based on the principles of leadership, friendship and service.

This connection resonated with Kohanzo who, although never a Boy Scout himself, has been active with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps since shortly after beginning high school in 1961. He still teaches seamanship courses in the summer.

Over the years, he has been recognized for outstanding service to the NSCC, as well as to the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Marine Navigation and Training Association.

He is also currently the chairman of the local Boy Scout troop, while his dedication over the years as a leader has earned him the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor bestowed by the local council.

A single man with no children of his own, Kohanzo made the decision in his estate plans to leave his house to Eastern Illinois University. Proceeds from the eventual sale of this property will go toward a scholarship for young men from the Boy Scouts of America Lincoln Trails Council who have earned the distinction of Eagle Scout – the highest rank attainable within the organization.

The impetus for Kohanzo's bequest was an earlier decision between him and his father to establish the Kenneth and Keith Kohanzo Industrial Technology Scholarship. Once the scholarship was established in 1998, Kenneth Kohanzo, who had retired from a second career in the marketing of industrial technology products in the Chicago area, "loved to come down here when the scholarship was being presented and meet the recipient," Keith Kohanzo said.

"I never had a need for a scholarship because I was fortunate enough to be able to pay for my college education with a combination of parental support and on-campus work," Kohanzo said. "That's not always possible for folks."

"With the increasing cost of a college education, we have to have as many opportunities for students to fund their education as possible," he added.

If you are interested in making a gift to EIU, visit [www.eiu.edu/~develop](http://www.eiu.edu/~develop) or call 217-581-3313



# ABOUT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Eastern Illinois University is independently governed by its own Board of Trustees, which oversees all aspects of the institution. Although the Board of Trustees is the primary authority over the university's operations, it embraces shared governance, with faculty, staff and students providing advisory participation.

Seven of the board's eight members are appointed by the governor. One student representative is elected annually by the student body.

**Joseph R. Dively** was named to the EIU Board of Trustees in October 2011. He is chairman and CEO of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares Inc., based in Mattoon, Ill. Dively's business career includes service as a senior vice president for Consolidated Communications and in sales and management roles with IBM and Caterpillar.

A Charleston native, Dively has served his alma mater as president of the Alumni Association, chair of the Business School Advisory Board, and as a member of both the EIU Foundation Board and the Panther Club. He received his bachelor's degree in business from EIU in 1981, and was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2003.

**Jan Spivey Gilchrist** of Olympia Fields is the newest governor-appointed member of EIU's Board of Trustees. In addition to having earned her bachelor's degree in art education from Eastern in 1973, she was named a Distinguished Alumna by the EIU Alumni Association in 1992 and is recognized on the EIU Notable Alumni website.

An award-winning writer and illustrator, Gilchrist has exhibited extensively throughout the United States, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. She has won numerous awards and commissions throughout her career, and has also written and illustrated picture books, including "Obama: The Day the World Danced," the first picture book in the U.S. about the historical election. Gilchrist has also illustrated many of Eloise Greenfield's books, including the acclaimed "The Great Migration: Journey to the North."

**Kristopher M. Goetz** of Lombard was named to the EIU Board of Trustees in October 2011. He has spent the past decade in the healthcare industry where he has served as a consultant to hospitals nationwide, leading operational and quality

improvement initiatives. He is currently a vice president at Kaufman Hall in Skokie, Ill., where he is accountable for leading strategic cost management initiatives at hospitals nationwide. Goetz's expertise in Six Sigma and lean process improvement methodologies has resulted in significant improvements in patient safety and hospital operations.

Goetz earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from EIU in 1998 and his master's degree in clinical psychology from EIU in 2000.

**Rene M. Hutchinson** was named to the EIU Board of Trustees in October 2011. Previously, he had served on the EIU Alumni Association's Board of Directors since 2003. Hutchinson retired from Allstate Insurance in November 2013 after 27 years of service, working in various areas of the company, including finance, underwriting, agency sales and compliance. He is an active member of the community, speaking to Chicago area high school students regarding the importance of education.

Hutchinson received his bachelor's degree in business from EIU in 1974.

**Roger L. Kratochvil** of Mt. Olive has served as a member of the EIU Board of Trustees since August 2004. He is retired from the Mt. Olive school system where he served 24 years in various capacities, including athletic director, guidance counselor and as a coach for the baseball, basketball and football teams. In 1981, Kratochvil was inducted into the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame and, in 1998, into the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame. Following his teaching career, he served as principal of Mt. Olive High School.

He received his bachelor's degree in education from EIU in 1960, his master's degree from Southern Illinois University in 1966, and his master of educational

administration degree from the University of Illinois-Springfield in 1984.

**Robert D. Webb** of Mattoon has served as a member of the EIU Board of Trustees since August 2004. His career in education includes serving as the principal and a classroom teacher at Harvel Elementary School and superintendent of schools in the Shelbyville School District, as well as superintendent in the Panhandle School District in Raymond. In 1967, Webb took the position of vice president of administration at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill. In 1972, he became president of Lake Land College and held that position until 1984. Following his career in education, Webb served as the vice president and chairman of the board of Johnston Super Markets Inc. in Shelbyville, Ill., from 1984 to 2000.

Webb received his bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and both his master of administration and his doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois.

**Mitchell Gurick** was elected executive vice president and student trustee after serving four semesters on Student Government. Most recently, he held the Speaker of the Student Senate position. As student trustee, Gurick represents the voice and opinions of the student body to the Board of Trustees. Aside from Student Government, he is active in Greek life with his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and he was EIU's Homecoming Prince. He also is involved with Phi Beta Lambda, New Student Programs as a Prowl Leader, and co-teaches a University Foundations course.

Gurick plans to graduate from EIU in May 2015 with a bachelor's degree in business education. He grew up in Hinsdale, Ill.



Like the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, Richard said the autism center will be a self-sustaining facility since families will pay for their evaluations, but the institution is in the process of raising money to create start-up funds and an endowment for the center.

To help raise money for the center, Eastern Illinois University started its first-ever crowdfunding campaign, she said.

Mike Murray, director of development at EIU, said a primary purpose of the crowdfunding campaign is to reach individuals who might not have a connection with Eastern, but recognize the importance of supporting a center focused solely on autism spectrum disorders.

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**“We have people coming from all over the country because they heard about the faculty expertise here.”**

~ Dr. Gail Richard, Department Chair  
Communication Disorders and Sciences

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“Crowdfunding uses social media and current communications technology to reach people efficiently,” Murray said. “There is no mailing cost involved and the returns can be virtually instantaneous.”

Crowdfunding works by creating a network of individuals to send out information about the center to a handful of individuals through email or social media outlets, then the group will forward the information to others, and so on, he said.

“It allows conveyance of a message through video links as well as through the written word, thereby enabling a better use of our marketing and publicity dollars in promoting the center,” Murray said.



Brandon Smith, professor Jill Fahy and clinician Jillian Norman pause for a picture in the Autism Research Center

Right now, Murray said they are still creating an endowment that would fund the center’s operations on an annual basis. The center would cost about \$125,000 a year to support a director, administrative assistant and graduate assistant.

### Every reason to hope

Now 15, Brandon has been attending therapy sessions at the clinic since he was three. Throughout the years of Brandon’s therapy, Smith said she knows that the faculty members and students will always be there for her family, and will be there for future families.

“I always know they have the best intentions toward my son,” she said. “And they truly care about him.”

Families like the Smiths understand that opening up a center will not be easy, but they know what it will mean for families searching for help.

“Regardless of the answer, an answer is still good,” she said. “Going forward, we knew it wasn’t always going to be easy or fun, but we knew we had every reason to hope.”

**If you would like to donate to EIU’s Autism Center, please visit  
[www.eiu.edu/crowdfunding/autism/](http://www.eiu.edu/crowdfunding/autism/)  
or contact Mike Murray at 217-581-3455 or [mkmurray3@eiu.edu](mailto:mkmurray3@eiu.edu)**



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# Facts About Autism Spectrum Disorders

## What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3.

Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.

Individuals with autism often suffer from numerous co-morbid medical conditions which may include: allergies, asthma, epilepsy, digestive disorders, persistent viral infections, feeding disorders, sensory integration dysfunction, sleeping disorders and more.

Autism is diagnosed four times more often in boys than girls. Its prevalence is not affected by race, region or socio-economic status. Since autism was first diagnosed in the U.S. the incidence has climbed to an alarming one in 68 children in the U.S.

Autism itself does not affect life expectancy however, research has shown that the mortality risk among individuals with autism is twice as high as the general population, in large part due to drowning and other accidents.

Currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved and, in some cases, completely overcome.

## Autism Facts & Stats

Autism now affects 1 in 68 children.

Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls.

About 40 percent of children with autism do not speak. About 25–30 percent of children with autism have some words at 12 to 18 months of age and then lose them. Others might speak, but not until later in childhood.

Autism greatly varies from person to person (no two people with autism are alike).

The rate of autism has steadily grown over the past 20 years.

Comorbid conditions often associated with autism include Fragile X, allergies, asthma, epilepsy, bowel disease, gastrointestinal/digestive disorders, persistent viral infections, PANDAS, feeding disorders, anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, ADHD, Tourette Syndrome, OCD, sensory integration dysfunction, sleeping disorders, immune disorders, autoimmune disorders and neuroinflammation.

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder, yet most underfunded.

Children with autism do progress – early intervention is key.

Autism is treatable, and not a hopeless condition.

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## Early Detection in Downstate Illinois

The Autism Center at EIU will directly benefit the downstate Illinois educational system, which has limited access to evaluation tools and is overwhelmed trying to meet the educational needs of this population.

The Autism Center will provide parents and public school personnel timely, functional evaluations, recommendations, treatment, education and case management to meet the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. In addition, the collaborative center for students and faculty at Eastern Illinois University will provide more comprehensive counseling for siblings, family members and the individuals with autism.

Research consistently supports the importance of early identification to improve outcomes. By dedicating faculty expertise and university facilities, the Autism Center at EIU will significantly reduce the wait time for families embarking on this journey with their child. Children who receive intensive therapy make tremendous strides in overall functioning to resolve symptoms of the disorder and enhance the possibility of leading productive lives.



# Creating a Third Place

Students operate  
coffee shop  
for  
faculty and staff

By Elizabeth Edwards '13   Photos by Jay Grabiec '08

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The aroma of freshly ground coffee beans, warm cherry scones and the tunes of relaxing music fill the air each morning in Klehm Hall at Eastern Illinois University.

The appealing smells and sounds are not coming from a break room, but from the dedication and determination of EIU students learning the ins and outs of operating their own coffee shop as part of the hospitality management program.

Student manager Tara Page said she wants the coffee shop, called The Café, to be a place where professors and staff escape to grab a cup of coffee and chat with fellow colleagues.

"We want the coffee shop to be a getaway for them," she said. "We want them to unwind from their hectic, busy schedules."

On any given day, Page teaches fellow students how to use the espresso maker, cook pastries and clean the café area. She organizes students' work schedules, keeps ingredients on hand and ensures the shop is open for business Monday through Thursday. Sometimes her job includes explaining to students the difference between a cappuccino, latte, mocha and an Americano; sometimes she will even leave a cheat sheet in front of the machine for their guidance.



Page, a senior family and consumer sciences major with a hospitality management option, is working at the café as part of her internship requirement, and dreams of one day working in the restaurant business.

Jim Painter, a professor of family and consumer sciences, said the café gives students an opportunity for hands-on learning they would not experience in a classroom.

"In some industries, students obtain the knowledge from the classroom and are successful in the real world. But in other disciplines, like the restaurant business, students need hands-on experience like the café," Painter said. "Now our students can tell an employer they ran their own café."

Painter designed a class, called "Cafeteria and Catering," to go along with the coffee shop. Students there run the café and prepare a lunch for faculty and staff who make reservations. The class will be an additional hands-on learning experience for students interested in food service management.

Since 2007, the School of Family and Consumer Sciences has offered another hands-on class called "Commercial Quantity Food

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professor, Family and Consumer Sciences

Production," where students operate a full-service restaurant called Pantera. In that class, students learn how to run and manage a restaurant where they prepare a menu and serve food to actual patrons with guidance from professional chefs.

All food prepared in The Café and Pantera is served inside a commercial kitchen that meets health code regulations, Painter said. Students, community members and the general public are welcome to stop by for a cup of coffee at The Café, but they want the seating lounge area reserved for the faculty and staff.

The Café opened last semester under the direction of Painter and another student manager, Chris Starbird, who still plays an active role in the coffee shop.

Starbird, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said he loves the culture of coffee shops, and one day would love to own his own shop and café.

He envisions The Café becoming a 'third place' for professors and staff at EIU. Professors can meet at the shop, and casually chat over a cup of coffee.

The concept of the third place was once described by Howard Schultz, chief executive officer of Starbucks, in his book "Pour Your Heart Into It," Starbird said.

The Café is open 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday in Room 1414 in Klehm Hall during the spring semester. Patrons of The Café can pay with cash, check or debit cards.

Some of the items on the menu include made-to order coffees, tea, hot chocolate and homemade pastries with gluten-free options. Check out the menu and prices here:

[www.eiu.edu/cafe/files/The%20Cafe%20Menu.pdf](http://www.eiu.edu/cafe/files/The%20Cafe%20Menu.pdf)



# nearly 100 the HISTORY of campus lives on in the WARBLER

By Brandyce Gordon, senior journalism major



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It all started with a leather-bound book and some birds. Now, more than 90 years later, the Warbler yearbook continues to share stories about our campus and document the rich history of Eastern Illinois University.

In the beginning, the Warbler got its name from a local poet, Stella Craft Tremble '22, in reference to the large number of Warbler birds who convened around the pond behind Old Main.

The first official publication was in 1919, but before the leather-bound book even made it into a student's hand, EIU had a legacy of documenting its history.

University archivist Robert Hillman said before the Warbler started, students created a scrapbook-style book called the Senior Yearbook or Senior Book. The senior books were often written by hand with pictures pasted into place. More than one third of the senior class would add its own personal touch, with anecdotes scattered throughout the book, he said.

Even though the memory book never had an official name, students understood the importance of leaving a documented record of Eastern Illinois University. After more than 90 years, the Warbler yearbook has undergone changes in technology and student leaders and advisers, but the dedication of students to share EIU's history still lives.



## The Early Years: A Themed Book

The first yearbooks were simply scrapbooks of student events; but in 1936, one editor changed the direction of the Warbler completely. The editor, Stanley Elam '38, decided to have the first themed-book, called "Smoke and Steel," which lent itself to the blues and greys of the cover and the design of the pages.

**"Our goal was to document the memories for the students for the four years they were there."**

~ Diana Hughes  
Warbler editor, 1969



After that, the Warbler started competing with its new themed book and started winning awards in the Associated Collegiate Press competition. It received the highest possible award for eight years in a row, being named an "All American" yearbook. Framed ACP certificates still adorn the walls of the Student Publications newsroom on the first floor of Buzzard Hall.



Overall, the earlier books presented a more in-depth history of Eastern and were easy to look through for information. They were considered a valuable resource.

For example, students at all class levels had their photos taken. Today, the individual portraits are for graduating seniors only.

"Our goal was to document the memories for the students for the four years they were there," said Diana Hughes '69, a 1969 editor.

Making the book with a relatively small staff in the basement of Pemberton Hall was time consuming. The stories were written on typewriters and the photos had to be developed in a dark room before anything could be placed on the page, she said.

In the '60s and '70s, the book also switched from being an adviser-controlled book to being a student-run book, giving the editors more control, Hillman said.

The 1969 Warbler, titled 'Progress,' exceeded 300 pages and was broken into sections such as sports, academics and student life, like today, with the addition of a Greek life section and every student being represented. Every page had black-and-white photos with accompanying captions.

The first 50 years saw changes with the layout of the book and supervision, but later years would pave the road for a new device — the computer.



## The 1980s: Advancing with the Ages

By the time Scott Fishel '82 took over as editor in 1981, technology had advanced. Some color was used. The book was designed by hand on a light board after the story was typed, printed and run through a waxer.

Students were still the main focus, and Fishel knew that he needed as many students represented in the book as possible.

"People were the most important," Fishel said. "People were always something to feature."

With the theme "The Other Side of Eastern," Fishel searched for feature items that students didn't usually see, and he used those to capture the essence of campus.

Fishel found stories such as a theater student who rehearsed his lines in the back of the pizza place where he worked.

Since photographers could not automatically review photos on their cameras like today, a photographer's skill was very important to the overall outcome, Fishel said.

Fishel said time spent in the newsroom, even though it was a lot of time, was not a burden.

"The newsroom was like your home. You spent tons of time in there and the people you worked with were your friends and roommates," he said.



## The New Millennium: A Refocused Effort

Unlike previous editors, Heather Cygan '01 did not have to produce one yearbook, but two. The previous year's book in 1999 had not been produced because of staffing issues.

Cygan started creating the 1999 book using *The Daily Eastern News* stories, and then she started building the 2000 edition from the ground up. The books looked very similar with their black and white design; however, the 2000 book had more pages.

"I had to build a staff so there was a lot of recruiting to my job," she said. "When I got there, they were considering canceling the book so I had to try and keep it going."

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**~ Sally Renaud**  
journalism professor and Warbler faculty adviser

One of Cygan's most difficult challenges was building a staff. She ended up working with younger students who had to learn on the job.



"My main concentration was just getting the yearbook out so it could grow and keep going," Cygan said.

In 2004, the Warbler started being advised by Sally Renaud, the current adviser.

"The first thing I did was read all the past books," Renaud said. "It gave me an idea of the history of the school, its students, even the buildings."

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~ Heather Hall  
Warbler co-editor, 2005

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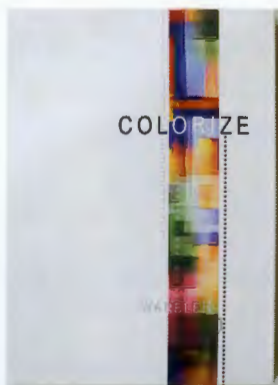
In 2005, there were two editors, Heather Hall '05 and Nikki Sprehe '06, each serving one semester.

"My main focus was restarting the yearbook as an organization and re-establishing it as a viable publication on campus," Hall said. "A lot of people didn't even know Eastern had a yearbook or that it was an organization they could join if they were interested in writing, editing, photography, design or leadership opportunities."

Hall accomplished this all in just one semester before she graduated and handed the book off to Nikki Sprehe.

Sprehe said once the book was in her hands, the hardest part was getting people to cover a story. A few people had to cover several events.

In the 2010 book, students experimented with color for the book under editor Christine Godbey '10.



"It took awhile to figure out how to do color, but being able to do something different was great," Renaud said. "It changes everything to use color."

Kristin Jording '12 decided to drastically change the 2011 book—again—by turning the actual book on its side horizontally, which is still the format today.



## Lasting Legacy

The 2013 book editor, Danny Damiani '13, graphic design major, decided to keep the side-ways book to focus more on photography and design. He hired fellow graphic design major, Tim McHugh '13, to help him in this effort.

The book won four awards in the College Media Association's contest, the Best of Colligate Design, including the book's cover and a feature story on Panther wide receiver Erik Lora.



Although pleased with this success, Damiani said his main goal was not just photos and graphic appeal but also to document the school year.

"In the end, the yearbook acts as a history book for future generations of students as well as a way to look back for those who went to Eastern at the time."

What started as a leather-bound book almost 100 years ago has grown into a clean, fresh book that begs to be opened. Throughout the years, the Warbler endured many changes, but the legacy of EIU will continue to live on within the confines of the book.

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~ Danny Damiani  
Warbler editor, 2013

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# AN ALUMNA'S GRAND PLAN

By Vicki Shaw Woodard '81

Karen Sisulak Binder '88 acknowledges that she's always had a passion for business journalism.

But now that she's started her own business, her loyalties – and time – have been redirected.

"This is a true labor of love," she said of Grand River Spirits ([www.grandriverspirits.com/](http://www.grandriverspirits.com/)), a Carbondale-based craft distillery. "I'm totally invested in this."

Actually, it might not even be fair to separate the two. Binder acknowledges that it was nearly 30 years of magazine and newspaper reporting throughout the state that whetted her thirst for a distillery of her own.

Originally, she had a winery in mind. "I had the rare opportunity to watch the Illinois industry grow," she said. "And it grew rapidly." So much so, she added, that it quickly became "very obvious" that Illinois didn't need another winery.

Brandy, however, was a different story. "Essentially, brandy is distilled wine," Binder said. "And there are less than 350 craft distilleries in the nation."

(A craft distillery can be defined as a distillery producing less than 100,000 gallons a year and often in single, small batches using hand-crafted methods. Spirits are of higher quality because they are produced in smaller batches, Binder said.)

With an idea in mind, she began supplementing the knowledge she had absorbed as a business reporter with more concentrated study. She attended conferences and workshops. Her serious research, she said, started in 2008.

"I spent a good two to three years putting information together," she said.

With husband, Steve – a freelance journalist – working along beside her, Binder also found a temporary location for her distillery and invested in a still.

"Federal regulations require that you put together your distillery before they license you," she said. "We began operations out of a barn – 2,400 square feet – on the outskirts of Carbondale (Binder's hometown). It's just right for what we need at this start-up point."

Binder has appreciated her husband's support. "Volunteer help is always a great boost for the start-up of a business," she said, chuckling. He was also there the very first time she attempted to run the still; actually, he helped her clean up.

She recalled that it wasn't her proudest moment, as the contents of the mash tank ended up all over the floor.

She's much more proficient now, but, even so, she made the decision to hire a couple of brawny fellows "to do a lot of the heavy work."

There are also a couple of behind-the-scene business partners – Ellen Schmulbach, a former high school buddy, and Curtis Baird, a local entrepreneur.

While Binder has the know-how to handle all aspects of Grand River Spirits' operations, she says her job's "gradually shifted toward sales – marketing, sales and product development."

A good fit, it seems. She continues with comments so perfected, it's obvious she's presented them before.

"A distillery was a very natural fit for this area," Binder said. "We have a distinctly unique product in that we use local ingredients. That's always going to set us apart. We want every product we produce to complement and support what we already have (in southern Illinois)."

Corn, of course, is grown locally, and rice can be found growing within an hour's drive from the distillery. Binder hopes to introduce







## GRAND RIVER | — SPIRITS — |

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(Pictured with her husband, Steve)

100 percent wheat whiskey in the near future, and looks forward to the day "when we can make a rum-like spirit from sorghum."

"We'd be receptive to using local rye if we could find it, too," she added. "There's just dozens of types of grain we could use."

For now, however, the fledgling business offers three trademark products: Red Eye Pie, apple pie-flavored moonshine (un-aged white whiskey), made from apple juice "made, of course, from apples raised in southern Illinois"; Red Eye Hot, cinnamon-flavored moonshine; and Red Eye Clear.

"That's straight ol' moonshine, bottled at 80 proof," Binder said. "We think of it as our responsibility – and our duty – to make drinking fun and approachable. We want people to taste our moonshine; we don't want your eyes to melt."

By late spring/early summer, Grand River Spirits hopes to introduce Red Eye Cherry and Red Eye Lemonade, "with local honey as a

little bit of sweetener," Binder continued. Further down the road, consumers are likely to see Grand River Whiskey and Grand River Baby Whiskey/Bourbon.

"We try to use all natural products. And every chance we get to use an Illinois product as a flavor, we're going to do it," Binder said.







# LIVING DEAD

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## Class delves into Charleston history

By Elizabeth Edwards '13  
Photos by Jay Grabiec '08

Students Alex Gillespie and Amy Wywialowski spent their Saturdays not with the living, but among the dead.

As part of a class project, they traveled from cemetery to cemetery in East Central Illinois, digging into Charleston's past and searching for the tombstones of those involved in the Charleston Riot. The riot was a local historical clash between Union soldiers and Copperheads during the Civil War that resulted in nine dead and 12 wounded.

**"Here we were with the 150th anniversary of an event that is controversial, has national significance, and it happened right here in Charleston. How could we not do a project on it?"**

~ Debra Reid  
History professor

"We traveled all over the tri-county area to try and find these tombstones," said Gillespie, a graduate history student. The duo ventured into abandoned cemeteries with sometimes only a sole marker to guide them. Other times they would stumble upon a massive commemorative headstone.

History professor Debra Reid said the purpose of the project was for the students to investigate how our society remembers the Charleston Riot.

Community members celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Charleston Riot in March, with a three-day event with re-enactments, lectures and a play. Gov. Pat Quinn even declared the celebration from March 28-30 as "Charleston Riot Days."

Reid created the class assignment for students in her "Public History: Meaning and Method" course because she felt researching the Charleston Riot fit in perfectly with the local celebration.



"Here we were with the 150th anniversary of an event that is controversial, has national significance, and it happened right here in Charleston," Reid said. "How could we not do a project on it?"

The cemeteries searches by Gillespie and Wywialowski, an independent study student, were only a small part of the project, and the class, including students Michael Ludwinski and Alexander Scalise, who spent hours researching in the library about how our society remembers the riot.

"The purpose of the class was to introduce students to public history," Reid said. "Public history being the process which ordinary,

"By calling the event a riot, it shows that the Republicans were heroic and standing up for their country," Scalise said. "It makes it more meaningful, more dramatic."

The re-enactments show the difference between political ideologies at the time with the Copperheads wanting immediate peace with the South, and the Republicans supporting the end of slavery.

While the students researched how society remembers the riot, they also reached out to local descendants of participants in the riot, and tried to make sense of the contradicting news articles and personal accounts of the riot.

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**"Dealing with local history, you get a lot of people who want to believe things happened a certain way."**

~ Amy Wywialowski, senior History major

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everyday people selectively forget, selectively remember and construct the past."

Throughout their research, the students looked at many newspapers such as The Daily Eastern News, Charleston Times-Courier and the Chicago Tribune.

They also looked into what items the community produced about the riots such as markers and pamphlets, and they also found secondary sources, written by historians, said Scalise, a senior history major. Some of the accounts they read even included EIU historical figure Charles Coleman's own handwritten notes about the riot.

"We dealt with the how was it remembered and we tried to create a story from that," Scalise said.

One of the first individuals to talk about the public memory of the riot was a teacher who wrote a journal for her history students, he said. Then, for the 100th anniversary of the riot, the city of Charleston hosted a re-enactment in 1964, then another re-enactment in 1967.

After the first re-enactments, the commemoration of the riot became part of larger celebrations such as Fourth of July and the anniversary of Illinois, Scalise said.

When our community hosts festivals and reenactments commemorating the riot, Scalise said, they are paying tribute to the Union soldiers, not the Copperheads.

"When I started, I thought I had a handle of who started it, but I am walking away with less of a clue because I read so many articles with different viewpoints," Wywialowski said.

For example, Wywialowski said one article stated a participant, John Cooper, died escaping from the riot, while his grave tombstone said he died in the riot. The newspapers also spelled a lot of names wrong, which made researching the riot even harder, and a lot of individuals inserted their own bias into the research.

"Dealing with local history, you get a lot of people who want to believe things happened a certain way," Wywialowski said.

The four students gathered their research, and synthesized it into an exhibit to display in Booth Library at EIU and the Charleston Carnegie Public Library. They also presented their research and exhibit at the Dudley House in Charleston last December. Their exhibit is titled "Seven Score and Ten Years Ago: The Stories and Memories of the Charleston Riot."

Even though the class ended in December, the students are still presenting their findings, and took part in a panel at the Illinois History Symposium at EIU. The students are even scheduled to receive an award through the Illinois Historical Society in April.

"This is exactly what life is supposed to be, not dropping it once you walk out of the classroom," Reid said. "The class ended, it's over, but our students keep going."

# 150th Anniversary of the Charleston Riot

Photos courtesy of Ken Trevathan, Journal Gazette - Times Courier





More than 10 years ago, Alison (Mormino) Maley '02, '10 imagined a community service day dedicated to the Charleston community.

She imagined a day focused on bridging the gap between students and Charleston residents where students would give back to the community they loved.

Maley never imagined her dream would transform into a lasting part of university life and become a fundamental part of EIU's community service initiative.

Today, Panther Service Day has more than 500 volunteers lending a helping hand with projects from making fleece blankets for the elderly to cleaning up trash in the community.

Now, as an alumna, Maley reflects back on the service day, her years at Eastern and her life after graduation.

# ALUMNA reflects on service day LEGACY

## Panther Service Day grows into lasting campus event

By Elizabeth Edwards '13

**Where did you get the idea for a community service day for EIU students?**

As a high school student, I participated in an event called "Bucket Brigade" where community members would paint houses for needy individuals in the community. When I ran for EIU student body president, I decided I wanted to bring this event to Charleston and to our students. I thought this type of project would be good way

to build a stronger relationship among students and the community.

**Tell me about the first year of the event called "Bucket Brigade."**

We painted seven houses in Charleston with the help of more than 150 volunteers, including members of Student Government, hall councils, Greek organizations, a service learning class from Charleston High School and members of the Wesley United Methodist Church. My strongest memories include driving around, delivering brushes and supplies, and even going to Mattoon to buy more painting supplies for volunteers.

**Tell me about student/community reaction to the first day?**

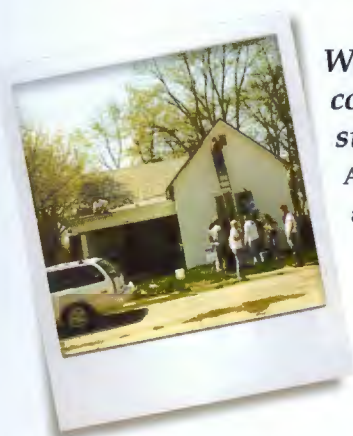
I think the response was very positive. With the support of the Charleston City Council, we applied for and won a Governor's Hometown Award for our efforts.

**Did you envision your service day lasting more than 10 years with more than 500 volunteers expected to attend the next event in the spring?**

I really hoped it would. I knew the project was in good hands with my friend and successor as president, Caleb Judy '04. Caleb changed the name from Bucket Brigade to Panther Service Day in the following year, which makes it unique to EIU. I have to also give a great deal of credit to Rachel Fisher '07, Director of the Office of Student Community Service, who has since expanded the project into much more than just painting houses.

**Tell me about the other projects you worked on as student body president in the 2002-2003 school year.**

I researched the possibility of on-campus child care and a renter's bill of rights for students living off campus. I also worked with University Union officials and housing to open 7th Street Underground (the





former Rathskeller) as an entertainment programming venue, and I worked with athletics to revive the "Blue Crew," a student spirit organization.

***What did you personally take away from serving as student body president?***

Time management. You can make a full-time job out of being student body president, but it was important to balance office work with my academics. I also learned how to build relationships and work in groups because, as student body president, I worked and collaborated with students, administrators, board members, faculty and staff.

***Tell me about your career after graduation.***

I graduated from Eastern with a bachelor's degree in political science in 2002, and a master's degree in political science in 2010. I currently serve as governmental relations/public relations director for the Illinois Principals Association. Primarily, I lobby on behalf of our members and school leaders, track state and federal legislation important to educators, and communicate weekly legislative updates to our 4,600+ members.

***What is your advice to students? What is your advice to political science majors?***

My general advice would be to explore all available opportunities. Go on a study abroad trip, join a registered student organization you never thought of joining, and take classes that seem intriguing even if they are outside of your major requirements. For political science students, I would encourage them to get involved with a campaign and start building their network.



The 12th Panther Service Day was held on Saturday, April 26, with a variety of service opportunities and projects with more than 500 volunteers lending their services.

Current Student Body President Kaylia Eskew said the event is co-sponsored between Student Government and the Office of Student Community Service.

Ten years from now, Eskew said she wants to continue to see Maley's legacy grow and always be a fundamental part of EIU.

"It is really important to show the Charleston community how much we care," Eskew said. "We live here, and this is an opportunity to show the town how much we appreciate them."

## 2014 Volunteer Sites:

### **Mattoon Trash Bash**

Volunteers travel to the Mattoon area to help with a town-wide trash bash.

### **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

Volunteers help set up and sort through donations at the newly opened Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Charleston.

### **5K Foot Pursuit**

Volunteers help at cheering stations as well as provide needed support for a 5K run that will benefit local youth through the "Shop with a Cop" program.

### **Salvation Army Thrift Store**

Volunteers help sort through donations, which will allow this agency to better serve its clients.

### **Douglas Hart Nature Center**

Volunteers work outside the nature center to help with various conservation efforts.

### **Teen Reach**

Volunteers help clean the center and assist with breaking ground on its summer garden.

### **Giving Garden**

Volunteers help plant and paint to prepare the garden for the summer. All produce raised at the garden is donated to the local food pantry.

### **Ashmore Painting and More**

Volunteers assist the community in a variety of projects including painting, washing volunteer fire trucks and more.

### **HOPE**

Volunteers help sort through storage units and provide greatly needed support for this domestic violence support agency.

### **Standing Stone**

Volunteers help sort donations and provide additional support to this important grassroots agency.



A young man with short brown hair is shown in profile, looking towards the right. He is wearing a dark grey or black hooded sweatshirt. On his back, several items are visible: a blue foam roller, a white foam roller, a roll of white athletic tape, and a blue foam roller. A circular logo with the word "Calmer" is visible on the back of the hoodie. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

# learning the **INS & OUTS**

By Elizabeth Edwards '13

Photos by Jay Grabiec '08

## Eastern's Athletic training major provides students with lasting experience

From taping ankles to treating injuries, Chase Louthan gradually learns the ins and outs of becoming an athletic trainer.

"You can't just learn everything from a book," said Louthan, a senior athletic training major. "Athletic training is hands-on."

Throughout his education in the athletic training program, Louthan's experience at EIU has been exactly that – hands-on.

From clinical experiences with men's and women's swimming, men's soccer, football and baseball teams, Louthan feels confident in his training at EIU, and he is ready to take the national certification test for athletic trainers next fall. Before graduation, Louthan will intern for the Minnesota Vikings this summer.

Unlike other athletic training programs, Louthan started gaining experiences with athletes and patients the moment he started EIU's program.

"A lot of other programs in bigger universities will not let the students gain experience with teams till their senior year," he said. "As soon as we get into the program, we are assigned a team, and we will work with the athletes all through our career in the program."

Within the program, Louthan said, a certified athletic trainer observes all the students' actions, and ensures the students are comfortable and ready to care for patients. "From day one, we are in the athletic training room learning by doing," Louthan said.





Louthan also has helped out with University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's wrestling and track teams since the U of I cut its own program. They asked EIU if athletic training students would like the opportunity to gain additional Division I intercollegiate experiences on their campus.

Program Director Lee Ann Price '96, '97 said EIU's program is competitive and selective, and prepares students like Louthan for the national certification test. Students undergo hours of observation training and hands-on experience at local high schools, Lantz Arena, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and EIU's Health Services.

As part of the program, each athletic trainer is required to gain experience with a variety of different patient populations including an upper extremity sport such as swimming, a more contact-related sport like football and a sport of the opposite gender. Students also are required to have an internship outside of the program, she said.

Throughout the program, Louthan also takes rigorous classes focused on creating a well-rounded athletic trainer who is able to identify different medical conditions. Students learn how to identify everything from ACL tears or a common cold, to knowing the signs if an athlete is depressed or has an eating disorder, Price said.

In a regular week, Louthan will spend anywhere from 20 to 40 hours — depending on the clinical rotation — providing patient and athlete care from preventative taping and emergency care to orthopedic rehab. Last fall, Louthan even helped with the EIU football team during its 2013 winning season.

In a normal practice for the EIU football team, Louthan said they set up for practice by preparing water and taping ankles. Then they monitor the practice to ensure the athletes do not have any injuries. After practice, the athletic trainers will treat any existing injuries and provide rehab and maintenance, such as a cold whirlpool bath for injuries occurring during practice.

"Football is the most time consuming because practices are long, there are more injuries and more athletes to deal with," Louthan said.

Game days often last from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with athletic training students there to prepare athletes for the game, monitor the game and then provide treatment after the game.

"Athletic trainers are the first ones to respond to an injury," Louthan said. "If someone goes down on the field, we are the first ones there."

As an athletic training student, the worst injury Louthan has witnessed was an ACL tear, which takes six to eight months of recovery after surgery.

As a sports lover and athlete, Louthan said the athletic training program seemed perfect for him, especially since he enjoyed the medical component, too.

"I have always been around sports my whole life, and I decided I wanted to stay around sports," Louthan said. Before coming to Eastern, Louthan played football, basketball and baseball in high school and baseball in community college.

Eventually, Louthan wants to work for a professional team, and dreams of one day working for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Louthan said he looks forward to traveling to Minnesota to work for the Vikings football team. As of now, he is not the only student in EIU's program working for a professional team this summer. Other interns will be working for teams such as the Jacksonville Jaguars, New England Patriots and San Francisco 49ers.

As in other fields, good references are essential to landing internships and jobs, he said.

"Athletic training is a lot about who you know, and we have professionals at EIU that know a lot of other professionals in the field," he said.

Even though Louthan competed against students all over the United States for the internship, he landed the internship with help from EIU clinical coordinator John Storsved. Since Storsved had already sent a student to the Vikings, the team called him and asked him about Louthan. Storsved gave him an outstanding reference.

From hours of experience, Louthan said he looks forward to starting a field he is truly passionate about, and he is ready to be a first responder for athletes and different patient populations.

"If an athletic trainer is not there, then who is going to be there if someone gets hurt?" he said.





# LIVING the DREAM

By Elizabeth Edwards '13

## Alumnus reflects on time at EIU and describes career with the Minnesota Timberwolves

After deciding to attend school in the United States, Koichi Sato '97 stumbled upon the athletic training program at Eastern Illinois University — through a map.

Sato discovered the school offered an athletic training program, affordable tuition, small class size and Division I sport teams, but, most importantly, he knew the school was only a couple hours away from “his” team, the Chicago Bears.

“I am a Bears fan, so I picked the school close to them that was affordable and not too big,” he said.

Now as a director of sports performance for the Minnesota Timberwolves, Sato does not regret his methodology in choosing Eastern in the slightest.

Sato was born in Koriyama, Japan, and graduated from Tokyo International University in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in international study / Soviet & European studies. In his undergraduate career, Sato played American football, and he gradually realized he wanted to change his career path to athletic training.

Sato chose to study in the United States because athletic trainers are recognized as an allied health professional by the American Medical Association.

After coming to EIU, Sato knew he made the right decision when he started gaining hands-on experience the moment he entered the program.

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~ Koichi Sato, '97

Photos by  
Elizabeth Flores, State Press



He even remembers traveling with the teams, where he worked alone and developed personal connections with the coaching staff and athletes.

EIU's program allows students to gain experience right away by working with sport teams in intimate settings by not only observing, but by actually experiencing what it is like to be an athletic trainer, he said.

Sato knew all of his fellow students and instructors in the program. “Being away from a family in Japan, it was like a family for me,” Sato said.

When Sato was choosing a graduate school and an assistantship, Sato looked at Perry Edinger '84, an EIU alumnus and head athletic trainer at Arizona State University.

“My instructor at EIU called Perry asking for a position and that's pretty much how I got the position,” he said.

Edinger eventually hired Sato full-time after he earned a master's degree in exercise science and biomechanics. Edinger also sent Sato to a Chicago Bears training camp.

“You can get the job by knowing people,” he said. “But you can't keep the job by knowing people.”

Sato describes his experience at ASU as humbling. “I had to earn trust from my staff and coaches at ASU,” he said. “It was challenging, but my experience at EIU prepared me to meet the challenge.”

After ASU, Sato moved to Los Angeles to work for Athlete's Performance, then to Cincinnati to work for a former ASU football player, Levi Jones of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Before Sato started working for the Timberwolves, he also worked for the Washington Wizards as the team's rehabilitation coordinator / assistant athletic trainer.

With the Timberwolves, Sato focuses on the overall health of athletes.

“Everything matters and I am helping minimize athletic injuries by changing athletes' lifestyles,” Sato said. “In a professional setting, athletes may only play five to six years, and a handful of athletes play 10 years,” he said.

By changing how athletes move, rest and eat, Sato said he wants to minimize risk of injuries and help athletes stay in the game longer and feel better.

Throughout his career, Sato said he developed special connections with his athletes. “I sometimes feel like I am a parent to them,” he said.

Not only does Sato take steps to physically support his athletes, he is also there for them emotionally.

His advice for aspiring athletic trainers is to never stop getting better, and take opportunities to keep up in the field. Sato said he has been extremely lucky to work with some great people and organizations, but he never took it for granted, and instead took advantage of the opportunities to move on to the next step.


“I don't stay complacent,” he said. “I keep bettering myself to provide the best possible care.”



# SHINING STAR FOR YOU TO SEE...

STUDENT ATHLETES WHO RISE TO GREATNESS WITH HELP FROM ALUMNI GIFTS

Photos by Jay Grabiec '08. Stories by Michael Spencer, freshman journalism major.



Janelle Prisner does not like performance-based goals.

Instead, she focuses on outcomes.

And that is just what Prisner, the senior and number one slot player for the Eastern women's tennis team, is out to produce this spring.

But in the fall of 2012, Prisner was working to just make it back onto the court.

After undergoing wrist surgery ahead of her junior season, she said battling back on the road to recovery was one of the most challenging parts of her career.

However, Prisner ultimately returned to action, tallying a winning record for the season just months after her surgery.

But the most memorable moment in her junior season had little to do with her eight victories. Instead, it came with a loss at the hands of Jacksonville State's number one player, Raisa Guasti.

"That loss motivated me to do better and practice more," Prisner said. "After that loss I started playing more and practicing more outside of training."

Despite posting her lowest win total last season, Prisner was still selected for the All-OVC first team and laid claim to a spot on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for the third straight time.

Her efforts earned her the C. Roger Sorenson Tennis Scholarship and the importance of that award is not lost on her.

"I wouldn't have the opportunity to be at Eastern if it weren't for the scholarships," she said. "Every year it has helped me."

This season, Prisner is back to focusing on outcomes but she knows that will not be straightforward.

"Last year was really tough because there was a lot of tough competition," Prisner said.

Despite a slate of difficult challengers, Prisner is setting her sights even higher.

Making the OVC first team will not be enough. In her senior season, Prisner said she is out to capture a player of the year award as well.

She said attaining that goal comes down to improving, even incrementally, each time she steps on the court.

**JANELLE PRISNER**

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**C. ROGER SORENSON TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP**





**DANNY TREVOR**  
**MEN'S TRACK**  
**NEIL AND SHIRLEY MOORE**  
**MEN'S TRACK SCHOLARSHIP**

Daniel Trevor did not get off to an auspicious start when he first arrived at Eastern.

But now as a redshirt junior, he says the challenges he battled through his first two years as a Panther laid the framework for his success.

Trevor, an all-purpose hurdler, is the recipient of the Neil and Shirley Moore Track Scholarship and after coming to the Eastern men's track team as a walk-on in 2011, the award means so much more than just the financial assistance.

"It is nice having the recognition of the scholarship and the years of hard work not just through college but through my entire career," he said.

The reality is that Trevor nearly quit track as an underclassman.

He redshirted his freshman season because he was, in his own words, "the bottom of the barrel."

The next season, before outdoor season could even officially get off and running, he suffered a season-ending injury.

"I started to believe that I was in over my head," Trevor said.

He reached out to his parents, friends and former coaches to seek guidance on whether or not to continue his collegiate track career.

Ultimately, he decided to give it another chance and that is a decision he said he will always be thankful for.

Trevor returned for the 2013 season and during the Ohio Valley Conference indoor meet he suddenly came to grips with something that had been missing from his game.

"During the preliminary race, something clicked and everything happened for me," he said.

He would go on to score points that contributed to the Panthers' indoor conference championship.

"It was very satisfying knowing it was possible," Trevor said.

But his growth as an athlete did not stop there. Trevor also helped win the OVC outdoor meet in the spring by scoring points in the 110 meter hurdles and the 400 meter hurdles.

However, Trevor said he still has a bitter taste in his mouth after failing to advance to the NCAA regional tournament by a single spot last year.

"I had to work my way up," Trevor said, adding that is just what he will do to reach the next step in his athletic career.

**WHAT YOUR LIFE  
CAN TRULY BE**





# meet KIM DAMERON: panther football's

By Michael Spencer, freshman journalism major

Photos by Jay Grabiec '08

## CAREER

Defensive Coordinator: Louisiana Tech, 2013  
 Defensive Coordinator: Cornell, 2012  
 Safeties Coach: Cornell, 2011  
 Safeties Coach: Mississippi, 2008-10  
 Defensive Coordinator: Louisiana Monroe, 2005-07  
 Defensive Coordinator: Stephen F. Austin, 2001-04  
 Defensive Coordinator: Eastern Illinois, 2000  
 Secondary Coach: Toronto Argonauts, CFL, 1999  
 Defensive Coordinator: Cincinnati, 1998  
 Secondary Coach: Cincinnati, 1996-97  
 Defensive Coordinator: Murray State, 1993-95  
 Secondary Coach: UNLV, 1992  
 Secondary Coach: Missouri State, 1986-91  
 Graduate Assistant: Arkansas, 1983

## POST SEASON APPEARANCES

2009 - Cotton Bowl (Mississippi)  
 2008 - Cotton Bowl (Mississippi)  
 2000 - FCS Playoffs (Eastern Illinois)  
 1997 - Humanitarian Bowl (Cincinnati)  
 1995 - FCS Playoffs (Murray State)  
 1990 - FCS Playoffs (Missouri State)  
 1989 - FCS Playoffs (Missouri State)

Kim Dameron will start his 31st as head coach of the Panthers as the team works to find its way back to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs next season.

After spending 2013 as defensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech, Dameron was hired Jan. 10 to fill the spot as head coach after Dino Babers left for Bowling Green.

He said it was a simple decision to make when he got the call from the Eastern athletic department.

"There wasn't much of a conversation because as soon as they called me and I said I was interested, I knew that if the job was offered that I was going to take it," Dameron said.

It is not the first time Dameron has been at Eastern. During the 2000 season, he served under head coach Bob Spoo as the defensive coordinator.

Dameron said Charleston took special importance that year for he and his wife, Debbie, as the two were married just off campus.

"It's a special place to me and my wife because we got married here so in some instances it is like coming home," Dameron said.

His hiring comes after two of Eastern's most successful seasons in the FCS, one that saw the Panthers collect two Ohio Valley Conference championships and two playoff berths.

Additionally, former quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo garnered national recognition on his way to shattering both school and conference records for passing and picking up a Walter Payton award.


Dameron said he recognizes the need to fill the large shoes left behind by Garoppolo, now a top NFL prospect. However, he said his team will be far from toothless ahead of the 2014 campaign.

Boasting a talented group of receivers and strength at running back, Dameron's team is solid at all the offensive skill-positions, he said. But defensively, his team must work on becoming more fundamentally sound.

And defense is an area of the game with which the Arkansas alumnus is familiar.

He has worked closely with defensive units from a wide range of teams, like Mississippi, Cornell and even a short stint in the Canadian Football League as the defensive backs' coach for the Toronto Argonauts.





# new crew COACH & CHIEF

Before Dameron can pursue his goals at Eastern, he said it has been crucial that he gets to know the players who will pull on the uniform next season.

"I met with each player individually to let them tell me about themselves," Dameron said.

One of those players vying for the starting quarterback job will be redshirt junior Andrew Manley.

Manley, who is all the way from Hawaii, came to Eastern as a transfer from New Mexico State and he said Dameron has done all the right things since arriving on campus.

"He came in here, he knew what he wanted from us in the weight room and on the field, and put together a coaching staff that was going to do what he wanted," Manley said.

Dameron has a short list of goals for this spring and first on the list is making sure his student-athletes perform academically.

After that, he aims to get players fit while working to implement his tactical schemes for the upcoming season, something he said he is already working on.

An important goal for the build-up to the season is finding a quarterback. Dameron said

he would like to have his selection made going into the summer, but that it might be a process that could not be complete until games start in August.

"Whether we decide this spring or in the fall, whatever it takes," Dameron said.

Picking a quarterback is like finding an important piece to a puzzle for Dameron.

At his first press conference after returning to Eastern, Dameron compared the Panthers to a Ferrari and he said he still believes that to be the case.

"I still believe we have a Ferrari; we just have to find a driver," he said, adding that the driver will be whomever steps into the quarterback role.

Ultimately, Dameron said he hopes the team's trajectory remains the same as it was last season and that his team can drive that Ferrari to a deep playoff run.

"Our goal is to win a national championship," Dameron said. "If it is anything less than that, I'm doing this university a disservice."

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~ Andrew Manley, redshirt junior, QB  
Psychology major

## PANTHER FOOTBALL



## 2014 SEASON

The 2014 regular season will open at Minnesota on Thursday, Aug. 28.

The home opener for EIU will be on Saturday, Sept. 6, against Southern Illinois.

Season tickets are available for renewal and purchase; single game tickets go on sale Aug. 1.

Visit [www.eiupanthertickets.com](http://www.eiupanthertickets.com) to purchase your tickets.

The complete football schedule can be found at:

[www.eiupanthers.com](http://www.eiupanthers.com)





## Burke Leaving EIU to Join Tulane Staff



Eastern Illinois director of intercollegiate athletics Barbara Burke resigned her position at EIU to accept the position of deputy director of athletics/chief operating officer at Tulane University.

She was hired in June of 2008 after a long tenure in senior administration at the University of Wyoming.

"I am so appreciative of the opportunity to lead the Eastern Illinois athletic program for the past six years. I want to thank President (William) Perry and Dr. (Dan) Nadler for this chance to lead an NCAA Division I program," Burke said. "It has been an incredible and

exciting run. I'm proud of the progress that has been made but realize none of the success would have been made possible without the support of the coaches, staff and community volunteers who give unselfishly with their time and talents."

In addition to her role as athletic director at EIU, Burke also served as the chair of the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules committee and on the NCAA Championships cabinet. During her tenure as athletic director, Eastern won three of the last four Ohio Valley Conference Commissioners' Cups while finishing second in the standings the two other years. The Panthers currently lead the OVC standings following completion of the winter championship sports season.

"Barbara Burke has provided great leadership, raising the bar in Panther athletics in all areas – athletically, academically and in student-athlete relationships," President William Perry said. "I will miss her leadership, but wish her the best in this next step in her career."

"I am grateful for having worked closely with Barbara for the past six years and am so

proud and impressed with the academic and athletic success that was the result of her leadership," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs. "As a former administrator at Tulane myself, Barbara is a perfect fit for this leadership opportunity. I will miss her at Eastern."

At Tulane, Burke will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Green Wave athletic program as they transition into becoming a new member of the American Athletic Conference next academic year.

"I am excited about this new opportunity at Tulane," added Burke. "I know that I was afforded this opportunity because of the work that we have done at Eastern Illinois during my tenure. I will miss the coaches, staff and community friendships that I have developed over the last six years. I want to personally thank everyone for their support and wish EIU nothing but the best."

*Nadler will service as interim athletic director while the university seeks a full-time replacement for Ms. Burke.*

## upcoming alumni events

Check out where we'll be in the coming months. And don't forget to visit our website for the latest on dates, times and locations.

### MAY

- 18** **Toronto Blue Jays vs. Texas Rangers**  
Global Life Park: 2:05 p.m.  
Arlington, Texas

### JUNE

- 3** **Student/Alumni Cubs Outing**  
**Cubs vs. Mets**  
Wrigley Field: 7:05 p.m.  
Pre-game Networking Happy Hour:  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Deuces & the Diamond Club  
3505 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois
- 14** **Central Illinois Winery Tour**
- 16** **Kane County Cougars**  
7:05 p.m.  
Chicago Sports Night – wear your  
favorite Chicago team's shirt. There will  
be a fireworks show after the game.
- 16** **Panther Club Golf Outing\***  
The 10th Annual Chicago-  
EIU Golf Classic  
White Eagle Golf Club, Naperville, Illinois
- 28** **Arlington Heights Race Track**

### JUNE (continued)

- 18** **EIU LGBTQA Network Launch**  
**Reception**  
Chicago, Illinois

### JULY

- 6** **Annual Cardinals Outing**  
Busch Stadium  
St. Louis, Missouri
- 18** **Panther Club Golf Outing\***  
St. Louis EIU Outing  
Norman K. Probststein Golf Course  
St. Louis, Missouri
- 25** **Annual Cubs Outing**  
**Cubs vs. Cards**  
Wrigley Field: 3:05 p.m.  
Pre-game Networking Happy Hour:  
1-3 p.m.  
Deuces & the Diamond Club  
3505 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois

### AUGUST

- 15** **Panther Club Golf Outing\***  
The Athletic Director's Cup  
Mattoon Country Club  
Mattoon, Illinois

### SEPTEMBER

- 5** **Panther Club Golf Outing\***  
Panther Scholarship Scramble  
Charleston Country Club  
Charleston, Illinois
- 19-21** **Family Weekend**
- 13** **Panthers @ Illinois State**  
**Alumni Tailgate**

### OCTOBER

- 18** **Boo! at the Zoo**  
Brookfield Zoo  
Brookfield, Illinois
- 24-26** **Homecoming**  
FCS 100th Reunion  
Homecoming Weekend

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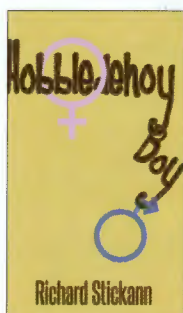
\* Information, costs and registration for golf outings can be found online at [eiu.pantherclub.com](http://eiu.pantherclub.com) or by calling 217-581-2310.



## 1950s

**The Rev. Paul Skelton '57** was awarded the Bishop James A. Griffin Award, which recognizes diocesan priests who have given long and meritorious service to the diocese. Skelton was ordained in 1964 and currently serves as the pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Villa Grove, Ill.

## 1970s



**Richard Stickann '71, '83**

recently released his second novel, "Hobbledehoy Boy." The novel is the serious, sometimes humorous, story of a boy struggling to find his way through adolescence to arrive at manhood in one piece. Stickann's first novel, "Glory Be to the Father, the Son," was

published in 2001. Retired since 2008, Stickann last worked as a project manager for the state of Missouri.



**Dennis King '78**, currently serves as president and CEO of STATKING Clinical Services, a contract research organization in Cincinnati, Ohio. Over the past 23 years, he has built a clinical research

team at SCS that is respected across both the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

## 1980s

**John Dougherty '80** was recently appointed as the Kingman, Ariz., city manager by the Kingman City Council. Dougherty previously served as city manager of Reedsburg and Oconto Falls, both in Wisconsin.

**Sandra Cox '84, '89** joined the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Student Counseling Center as its new director. Cox has more than 16 years' experience in higher education, nearly seven of which have been served as director of the EIU Counseling Center.



**Julie Nimmons '77**, a member of the National Sporting Goods Association Hall of Fame and who served as the chairperson of boards of directors in the business and education sectors, has been elected chairman of the National Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Nimmons assumed the chairman's role on Jan. 1, 2014. She becomes the first female to hold the position with FCA.

**Chris Caldwell '87** is a recent addition to the Richmond, Va., Region Tourism Board of Directors. As DuPont's government affairs manager for the Southeastern United States, Caldwell leads the company's public policy, advocacy and business development in numerous states. He is a member of the board of directors for the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and also represents DuPont's interests in such organizations as the Virginia Manufacturers Association, the North and South Carolina Manufacturers Alliances, and the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Caldwell maintains ties to EIU as secretary/treasurer on the board of directors of the EIU Alumni Association.

## 1990s



**Terence Ryan '90** has been named president of the Idaho Charter School Network. He previously served as the vice president for Ohio Programs and Policy at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute. Ryan began his career as a teacher in Poland at the Polish Ministry

of Education and the Foundation for Education for Democracy.

**Jeffrey Oetting '91, '92** was appointed to serve as the interim director of the Business Solutions Center in EIU's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. Oetting has managed several small businesses and has been involved in the operations of his family's business since 1986. He is also an instructor of financial accounting and entrepreneurship at Eastern.



**U.S. Army Col. (Ret.) Robert Sinkler '83** played a role in the design and construction of the largest civil works design-build project in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' history, a \$1.35 billion Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Surge Barrier that was recently named the winner of the 2014 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) award. At 2 miles long and 26 feet high, the state-of-the-art barrier is designed to defend against the effects of a future storm surge event in southeast Louisiana's vulnerable areas. The OCEA award, which "recognizes a project that makes a significant contribution to both the civil engineering profession and society as a whole," is the highest and most prestigious honor ASCE can bestow on an infrastructure project. This is the first time in the history of the ASCE award (54 years) that a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project has won.





**Richard Dunsworth '94** took over the helm at the University of the Ozarks last July and will be formally inaugurated on April 11, 2014. Dunsworth previously served as vice president for enrollment at Millikin University.

**Jamie Gower '97, '09** was named risk manager at the Decatur Park District. Previously a firefighter for the city of Decatur, Gower also served as manager of the Decatur Indoor Sports Center.

## 2000s

**Jeremie Smith '05**, Mattoon Middle School principal, was honored in Washington D.C. after being named the Illinois Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association. Smith was also a state winner in the MetLife/

NASSP National Principal of the Year Program, and is eligible to be considered as National Principal of the Year.



**Brittanie Simpson '07, '13**, a teacher at Riddle Elementary School in Mattoon, was selected as the 2014 Master of Science in Elementary Education Distinguished Graduate Student by EIU's Department

of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education.

## 2010s

**Ryan Tracey '11** recently teamed up to start 360 Financial Group LLC, which has been featured in the 2013 Fall Forbes issue as one of the top financial planning firms in Chicago. Tracey has also

established the Student Investment Society Annual R.I.S.E. Award Scholarship, which is designed for Student Investment Society members in the Lumpkin School of Business at EIU.

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## marriages

**Douglas Habben '98 & '00** and Lynn Holt, Oct. 19, 2013

**Blair Russell '99** and Macy Dykema, Oct. 12, 2013

**Christopher McAfee '01** and Jessica Lobb, Sept. 14, 2013

**Ann White '01 & '09** and Keith Crawford, Oct. 12, 2013

**Mandy Harshaw '02** and Tim O'Brien, Nov. 16, 2013

**Katie Chancellor '03** and Chris Dittamore, Nov. 30, 2013

**Amanda Hahn '04** and Josh McKee, Oct. 12, 2013

**Brandy Barter '06** and Christopher Storm, Sept. 28, 2013

**Nathan Catt '06, '07 & '10** and **Chelsea McBride '08 & '10**, Sept. 28, 2013

**Chad Thompson '06** and Corrina Prather, Oct. 12, 2013

**Cameron Schilling '06** and **Kendra Buchanan '07**, Jan. 18, 2014

**Sarah Whitney '07** and Nick Patsaros, May 28, 2012

**Alan Clayton '07** and Jessica Hartke, May 18, 2013

**Brittany Johnson '07** and **Will Aitken '12**, Oct. 19, 2013

**Matt Hopf '08** and Melissa James, June 15, 2012

**Hayley Clark '08** and Aaron Marks, Oct. 13, 2012

**Sara Cuadrado '08** and Tommy Gulo, April 13, 2013

**Aaron Black '08 & '09** and **Jennifer Belcher '11**, Oct. 12, 2013

**Samantha Bean '09** and **Jacob Hilgendorf '11**, July 28, 2012

**Erin Matheny '09** and Channon Kirchner, June 9, 2013

**Tim Dilsaver '09** and Netanya Allyson, June 15, 2013

**Mark Hansen '09 & '10** and **Rachel Ward '13**, Aug. 3, 2013

**Molly Clutter '09** and Jacob Lazzell, Nov. 2, 2013

**Alex Nichols '09** and Lisa Firlus, Nov. 2, 2013

**Adam Larck '10** and Amy Day, April 20, 2013

**Kallie Adkins '10** and Scott Harris, June 22, 2013

**Sarah Ruhoff '10** and Dan Sehy, Aug. 9, 2013

**William Rude '11** and **Chelsea Allard '11**, May 25, 2013

**Trevor McKey '11** and **Rachel Martin '11**, May 26, 2013

**Chynna DelBene '11** and Ethan Keyser, July 11, 2013

**Ashlei Maltman '12** and Steven Porter, Oct. 31, 2013

**Mary Spurgeon '13** and Aaron Jean, Nov. 9, 2013

## births



**Katie (Anderson) O'Dell '04 & '05** and Pat O'Dell, daughter, Reese Elizabeth, Jan. 21, 2014

**Roy Clapp '06 & '12** and **Lauren (Holsapple) Clapp '07**, son, Denton Owen, Oct. 23, 2013

**Greg Taylor '07** & KaLeigh Taylor, son, Brady Riggs, Jan. 7, 2014

**Ingrid Minger '08 & '10** and Ted Minger, daughter, Bronwyn Nicole, Nov. 4, 2013

**Stacey (Moran) Ledbetter '09** and David Ledbetter, daughter, Olivia, July 2013

**Erin (Matheny) Kirchner '09** and Channon Kirchner, son, Conner, August 2013

**Kyle Wilson '09 & '10** and **Megan (Evans) Wilson '12**, son, Nolan Carter, Nov. 10, 2013

**Beth (Jones) Glanzer '10** and Chad Glanzer, son, Graham Oliver, April 21, 2013



## alumni obituaries

Identa M. (Moler) Austin '34,  
Aurora, Ill., Oct. 8, 2013

Hiram E. House '34, Pittsfield,  
Ill., Nov. 14, 2013

Mary E. (Tefft) Neal '34, Macon,  
Mo., Nov. 27, 2013

Glenn O. Burger '37, Charleston,  
Ill., Oct. 14, 2013

Hoyt O. Coverstone '38,  
Forsythe, Ill., Dec. 26, 2013

Edith A. (Appel) Widicus, '41,  
Highland, Ill., Jan. 25, 2014

Norma J. (King) Sunderman '44,  
Charleston, Ill., Dec. 18, 2013

Russell M. Pierson '47,  
Greentown, Ind., Nov. 16, 2013

Bernard L. Waren '48 & '58,  
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 5, 2014

Lawrence E. Camfield '50 & '57,  
Findlay, Ill., Dec. 6, 2013

Paul H. Roosevelt '50,  
Commerce, Texas, Dec. 7, 2013

Richard E. Myers '52, Findlay,  
Ohio, Oct. 3, 2013

Jack L. Payan '52, Palos  
Heights, Ill., Dec. 1, 2013

Rex F. Hunter '52, Princeton, Ill.,  
Jan. 22, 2014

Mary M. (Williams) Lovekamp  
'52, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14,  
2014

Mary P. (Franklin) Handley '53,  
Tuscon, Ariz., Jan. 31, 2014

Vito N. Vitulli '53, Oconomowoc,  
Wis., Feb. 12, 2014

Barbara C. (Weerts) Winkler '54,  
Georgetown, Ill., March 4, 2013

William L. Danley '54 & '69,  
Streator, Ill., Oct. 30, 2013

Charles W. Edgington '54,  
Livingston, Texas, Dec. 18, 2013

Claude V. Murphy '55, Savoy, Ill.,  
Sept. 23, 2013

Carroll W. Dukes '55, Danville, Ill.,  
Nov. 13, 2013

Clarence L. Harris '55, Mattoon,  
Ill., Dec. 29, 2013

Edward M. Medler '56, Albion,  
Ill., Oct. 12, 2013

Winfred M. Poole Jr. '57, Peoria,  
Ill., Oct. 3, 2013

Jane (Whittier) Hunt '57, Hilton  
Head Island, S.C., Nov. 22, 2013

George W. Allison '58, Mattoon,  
Ill., Oct. 25, 2013

Robert M. Thomas '58,  
Rossville, Ill., Dec. 8, 2013

James D. Bemis '59 & '63, Sigel,  
Ill., Oct. 18, 2013

John J. Checkley '60,  
Charleston, Ill., July 6, 2013

James R. Adcock '60, Clinton,  
Ill., Jan. 26, 2014

Jean (Hastings) Honeyman '60,  
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29, 2014

Terry L. Dazey '61, Lake Forest,  
Calif., Nov. 21, 2013

Darlene (Moore) Colwell '62,  
Springfield, Va., Sept. 25, 2013

Jerry L. Huttes '63, Pana, Ill.,  
Jan. 3, 2014

Suzanne (Stutzman) Roberson  
'64, Champaign, Ill., Dec. 10,  
2013

Alan R. Anfinson '65, Charleston,  
Ill., Feb. 15, 2014

Beverly J. Shelton '65, '66 &  
'86, Veederburg, Ind., March  
15, 2014

Kenneth M. Davis '66 & '67,  
Palmyra, Pa., Oct. 1, 2013

Marjorie F. (Smittkamp) Burgett  
'66, Edwardsville, Ill., Oct. 8,  
2013

Nicholas J. Balodimas '66, Lake  
in the Hills, Ill., Jan. 2, 2014

Robert H. Scannell '67 & '72,  
Plano, Texas, Jan. 6, 2014

Gerald "Gerry" Wise '68, Pekin,  
Ill., Oct. 3, 2013

Cyril D. Coartney '68, Ashmore,  
Ill., Nov. 24, 2013

Thomas R. Littrell '68 & '72,  
Rockford, Ill., Jan. 23, 2014

Reta Berneice (Morrison)  
Ferguson '69, Charleston, Ill.,  
Oct. 4, 2013

Joseph F. Nolan '69, Jerseyville,  
Ill., Nov. 8, 2013

James G. Miller '69, Danville, Ill.,  
January 2014

Kenneth Hartrich '70, Newton,  
Ill., May 17, 2013

John R. Beeson '70, Lake Villa,  
Ill., Nov. 13, 2013

Lawrence J. Dunn '70, Peoria,  
Ill., Nov. 29, 2013

Heather (Johnson) Straka '71,  
Decatur, Ill., Feb. 27, 2013

Richard E. Jostes '71,  
Moweaqua, Ill., Oct. 16, 2013

Vickie J. (Creighton) Parker '71,  
Olathe, Kan., Oct. 17, 2013

Richard E. Biggs '71, Arcola, Ill.,  
Oct. 25, 2013

Dorothy M. (Bloomster) Lawson  
'71, Sullivan, Ill., Dec. 10, 2013

Douglas L. Van Selow '71,  
Decatur, Ill., Dec. 10, 2013

William T. Lamb '71, Valparaiso,  
Ind., Feb. 10, 2014

Mark S. Whisenhunt '72 & '76,  
Gold Canyon, Ariz., Aug. 28,  
2013

Kathryn A. (Ivey) Pyle '72, Olive  
Branch, Miss., Oct. 30, 2013

John A. Weerts '72, Moweaqua,  
Ill., Dec. 23, 2013

Karen K. (Teaters) Pugh '72,  
Evansville, Ind., Feb. 14, 2014

Jean M. (Ventsias) Schuette '72  
& '78, Woodstock, Ill., Feb. 15,  
2014

Bennie L. Drake Jr. '72 & '78,  
Urbana, Ill., Feb. 20, 2014

Nikki L. (Parker) Spears '73,  
Normal, Ill., Feb. 4, 2014

Helen A. (Whitlock) Howe '74  
& '75, Lovettsville, Va., Oct. 1,  
2013

Karen L. (Hinman) Stephenson  
'76, Canton, Ill., Feb. 7, 2014

Geraldine (Hendrick) Pritchett  
'77, Fairbury, Ill., Sept. 29, 2013

Mitchell "Scot" Alday '77,  
Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 2, 2014

Kenneth G. Steinkamp '78,  
Hoyleton, Ill., March 20, 2013

Cynthia J. (Rettig) Tatum '80,  
Pattison, Texas, Nov. 27, 2013

Curtis P. Banion '80, Anniston,  
Ala., Jan. 20, 2014

William L. Boothman '81,  
Bridgeville, Pa., Oct. 2, 2013

Linda K. (Swope) Bowles '83,  
Louisville, Ky., Oct. 15, 2013

Harold G. Songer '83, Danville,  
Ill., Jan. 12, 2014

David W. Fryer '85, Normal, Ill.,  
Jan. 18, 2014

Ruthann (Dunteman) Foil '86 &  
'87, Shumway, Ill., Oct. 8, 2013

Kristen Y. (Baker) Torres '87 &  
'88, Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 29,  
2013

Carolyn A. (Adams) Horsman '91  
& '96, Sullivan, Ill., Nov. 13, 2013

Eric L. Soomre '91, Jacksonville  
Beach, Fla., Dec. 11, 2013

Linda J. (Yohe) West Perkins '91,  
Fairfield, Ill., Jan. 26, 2014

Sharon L. (Cox) Keck '92,  
Windsor, Ill., Jan. 11, 2014

Mitchell McGlaughlin '94,  
Decatur, Ill., May 9, 2013

Duane L. Conway '95,  
Bolingbrook, Ill., Feb. 7, 2014

Chris A. Knerr '95 & '97,  
Potomac, Ill., Feb. 10, 2014

Chandler H. Wilson '01,  
Edwardsville, Ill., Jan. 5, 2014

Stacy D. Wisegarver '03,  
Champaign, Ill., May 18, 2013

Frank M. Catanzarite '06,  
Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 29, 2013

Carrie L. (Risdon) David '09,  
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 24, 2014

Kyle R. Stellhorn '11, Red Bud,  
Ill., Oct. 26, 2013

## faculty and staff obituaries

Ron Amyx, Charleston, Ill.,  
Oct. 17, 2013  
*Former broadcast engineer for WEIU Television  
and Radio*

Billy O. Hall, Charleston, Ill.,  
Nov. 11, 2013  
*Former instructional materials technician --  
Theatre Arts*

William F. Buckellew, Charleston, Ill.,  
Nov. 14, 2013  
*Former physical education professor*

Al R. Moldroski, Rotonda West, Fla.,  
Dec. 4, 2013  
*Former art professor*

Robert R. Hancock, Cartersville, Ill.,  
Dec. 5, 2013  
*Former math professor*

Owen E. Stanfield, Effingham, Ill.,  
Dec. 6, 2013  
*Former superintendent of grounds*

Dorothy M. (Bloomster) Lawson,  
Sullivan, Ill., Dec. 10, 2013  
*Former grant manager, College of Education  
and Professional Studies*

Barbara L. (Williams) Coats, Ashmore, Ill.,  
Dec. 17, 2013  
*Former switchboard operator*

James E. Martin, Charleston, Ill.,  
Dec. 19, 2013  
*Former registrar*

June M. Krutza, Charleston, Ill.,  
Dec. 25, 2013  
*Former art professor*

Isaac "Ike" F. Hickenbottom, Charleston, Ill.,  
Feb. 3, 2014  
*Former grounds crew member  
and equipment operator*

James A. Tidwell, Charleston, Ill.,  
April 12, 2014  
*Former Journalism professor and  
department chair*





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